

REMARKS

Claims 31-43 remain in this application. Claims 1-30 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 31-43 have been added. The added claims are supported by the specification and no new matter has been added. It is believed that all pending claims patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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